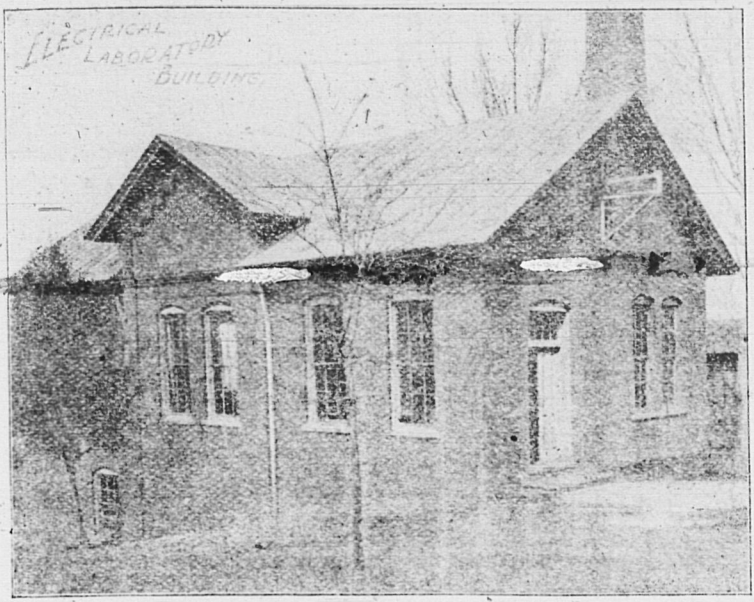


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REMAINS OF COLONEL HOLLIS LAID TO REST IN NEW-NAN, GA.

The Funeral of Captain Magnus O. Hollis Took Place Dec. 29th, 1899—Auburn Sends an Escort.

The body of Capt. M. O. Hollis of the Fourth United States Infantry who died in Manila was laid to rest in the cemetery at Newnan by his friends on the 29th of December. The Newnan Guards acted as military escort in Newnan. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Reid, of Atlanta, assisted by Rev. Mr. White, of Newnan. The Episcopal service was used throughout. Company B from Fort McPherson, under Lieut. Offley, also acted as military escort and aided in the military honors.

Capt. Hollis was forty years old and had devoted the best of his life in the service of his country. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Schapps, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and two children, whose home is Willis Point, N. Y. These accompanied by relatives and friends attended the funeral in Newnan. In view of his connection with the University at Auburn, where he labored as military instructor, an escort was sent with his body, which had a prominent place in the exercises of the afternoon. Many tears burned the cheeks—not only of the relatives, but of the citizens of Newnan and the citizens and college boys of Auburn who were so fortunate as to know Col. Hollis—in sorrow and grief at his untimely end.

Originality vs. Plagiarism.

Any man who has a college education can tell you that the mental rubbing-up which he received in his efforts at original literary production gave him a better grasp of thought than all his text books. Whether the product be brilliant or mediocre, the subjective value is beyond reckoning.

But the time has come in our day of specialization when college boys need no longer puzzle their brains over an oration or debate speech. Within the last few days every student of this institution has received a circular letter from a

certain firm proposing to furnish, on the European plan, and at various prices, any sort of literary production, from a high school essay to a political speech. Now, if there was ever an outrage on society this is an instance. It is a reflection on the honesty of every student among us, and we are glad to say that such an offer we believe, will be indignantly spurned. Let other colleges take up the refrain, and let us have a moral sentiment, an inter-collegiate sentiment, against the appearance of such an evil.—Ex.

The following piece of witticism was clipped from the Reveille, the bright paper edited by the boys of the Louisiana State University.

A SUB FRESHMAN'S "DON'TS."

O thou inexperienced and poorly illiterate Sub-Fresh, hearken, thou to the voice of one who wast once even so ignorant as thou! Perhaps, shouldst thou as closely observe as he didst the following bits of advice, compiled from divers sources and preserved in his all wise note book, thou, too, mightst one day be like unto him:

"Don't kick a strange dog just to find out whether he is good natured or not.

"Don't take chances on the front part of a cheap horse, the hind part of a cheap mule, or any part of a cheap bicycle.

"Don't think that every red eyed woman you meet has loved and lost—perhaps she loved and got him.

"Don't treat a news boy with contempt—he may some day own the road and you may want a pass.

"Don't laugh at a girl because can't hit the side of a house with a brick; you might marry her some day and then you would be glad of it.

"Don't doubt the veteran who tells you he was always where the bullets were thickest; maybe he was hiding under the ammunition wagon.

"Don't go near grass widows if you are subject to hay fever.

"Don't try a cigar a friend gives you; it doesn't deserve a trial; it ought to be lynched.

"Don't believe a girl can't keep a secret—just ask one her age.

"Don't break bad news and soft-boiled eggs too abruptly; you are sure to make a mess of it.

"Don't wonder why the wife is called the better half, for you know she always gets the best of the other half.

"Don't let appearances deceive you, for the man who has always been accustomed to corn bread and bacon who does the most kicking in a hotel.

"Don't accept the whale story of Jonah as absolutely true for remember he had to give his wife some kind of excuse for being away from home three days and nights.

"Don't fail to say your prayers before going to bed—especially if it is a folding bed.

"Don't waste your time wondering how poor Eve managed to dress without a mirror; the devil only knows that.

"Don't think the parting from your girl at home is the bitterest of all, for there is just one still more bitter—that of a quinine capsule as you go to swallow it.

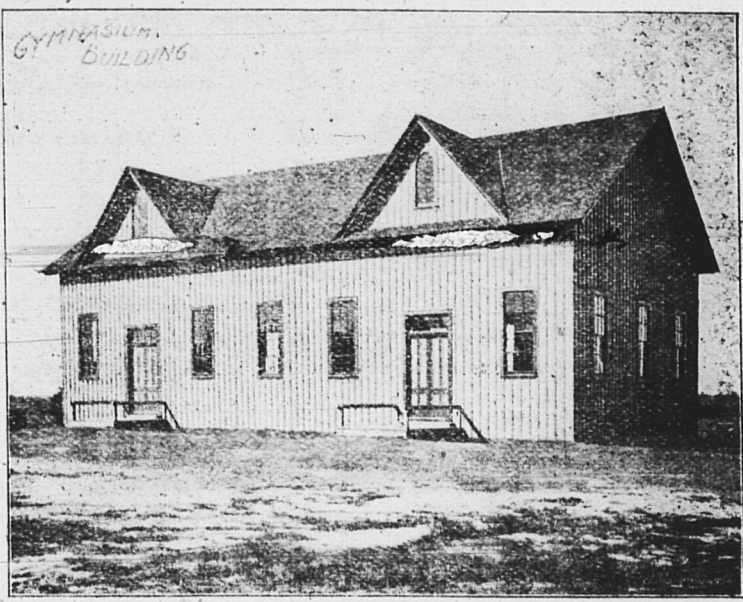
"Don't think that because you are cramped for time in this world you won't have time to burn in the next.

"And don't fail to subscribe for the Orange and Blue."



PROF. O. D. SMITH.

Otis David Smith, A. M., was born in New Haven, Vt. Graduated from the University of Vermont in 1853. Received the degree of A. M., from this institution in 1876. Was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa (the oldest Greek letter fraternity in the United States.) After graduation he came South, and was principal of Salem Male Academy from 1854-56; of a private school 1857-60. Enlisted May, 1861, in the sixth Alabama Regiment. Was in the battles of Manassas, Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill and Fair Oaks. Was wounded and taken prisoner at South Mountain, Md. Taught a private school and was principal of Opelika High School from 1861-72. Was elected Professor of English in 1872 and Professor of Mathematics in 1874, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. He has always taught in the present limits of Lee county, Alabama, and has been identified with educational interests of Alabama as Trustee of the East Alabama Male College, Trustee of the



University of Alabama, and member of the State Board of Education. He was first elected President of the Alabama Educational Association, and has been an active member since its organization. Prof. Smith was one of the earliest members of the American Mathematical Society. In 1899 the degree of L. L. D., was conferred upon him by the University of Alabama.

The Theta Delta Chi Shield for September has the following clipping from the New York World on "College Extravagance and Caste," by Charles Kendall Adams, the President of Wisconsin University:

It would not be right to dismiss the subject without reference to the existence of those college fraternities which have come to play a conspicuous part in university life. It often seems a process of evolution is going on by which something like a dormitory system of a new species is coming to be established.

The fraternities now, I believe, are about one hundred in number. These peculiar organizations have chapters in the various universities in the country, and chapter-houses are coming to be more or less common. Each chapter-house is the home of ten or twenty or thirty students, and within the chapter there has grown up to be a very well-defined community life. Perhaps one-fourth or one-fifth of the students, as a rule, are members of these fraternities, and their lives in this way are supposed to acquire something of the communal spirit which prevails where the dormitory system is in vogue.

While the expenses of students in the fraternities are not large, they are somewhat greater than the expenses of those who have no such associations, and accordingly the man of abundant means sooner or later is apt to gravitate into one of the fraternities.

The fact, however, that it is not good form to make application for admission to the fraternity, but that, on the contrary, the members are sought by the fraternity itself, gives individuality to the several fraternities and prevents them from being mere aggregations of more or less uncongenial members. As a

rule it may, I think, fairly be said that life within these fraternities is wholesome and uplifting. There is unquestionably some tendency to waste a good deal of time in unimportant social affairs, but on the whole it is doubtful whether more is not gained than lost by such associations.

The importance of such communal life in the friendships that are established and carried out into the world ought not to be overlooked. Usually the fraternities are more or less under the supervision of officers of the faculty who when in college were themselves members, and who continue to take an interest in the success of the institutions with which they have been so closely identified. All of the best fraternities are an important means of restraining the wayward, of keeping up standards of scholarship, and of preventing lawlessness and neglect of university studies. It must be admitted that these are advantages which are not furnished by the dormitory system. While here and there objections to their existence are raised, it must be evident to those who have observed their establishment and progress that they are destined to remain, and it is to be hoped that they will furnish very much of the good and prevent very much of the evil that are commonly supposed to be characteristic of the older system of dormitory life. That they assist in the administration of good order throughout the university there can, I think, be very little question.—Ex.

Cadet Jeff—"There is one thing that I hate about this place."

Cadet Newb—"What is that Jeff."

Jeff—"Why, a fellow has to walk all the way to college every afternoon just to say, 'here.'"

The Orange and Blue, the ably edited newspaper of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, is one of our semi-weekly visitors. We believe they have one advertisement that should not be published in a school paper.—East Florence Seminary Exponent.

Much obliged for the compliment, brother, but give us a pointer as to the ad.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Methodist Church—Rev. J. B. K. Spain, pastor. Services every Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Professor Thach, superintendent. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7 p. m.
Baptist Church—Rev. J. J. Cloud, pastor. Services every Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Prof. J. F. Duggar, superintendent. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 4 p. m. B. Y. P. U., Sunday, 4 p. m.
Episcopal Church—Rev. J. C. Jeter, rector. Services every Sunday except the 2d in each month, 11 a. m.
Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. J. Woll, pastor. Services on the 2d Sunday of each month, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m., Dr. Cary, superintendent.
College Y. M. C. A.—Sunday 3 p. m., Y. M. C. A. Hall, College Building.

The total registration of students in the University of Michigan will probably reach 3,500. The law department alone has over 800.

At the dedication of their new law school building on February 21 the University of Pennsylvania will confer the degree of LL. D. upon President Diaz, of Mexico.

Ex-President Cleveland will lecture at Princeton this year on themes connected with public life.

The University of Pennsylvania has established a special two years' course in commerce, diplomacy and international law, designed to prepare the students for diplomatic and consular service and for the conduct of international commercial relations.

America boasts of four hundred and twenty-six Universities and Colleges with an attendance of 175,000 students, invested capital \$250,000, and employing as teachers and attendants 25,000 persons. The seven richest colleges with

their endowment are: Girard, \$1,250,000; Leland Stanford, Jr., \$13,500,000; Harvard, \$10,000,000; Columbia, \$9,500,000; Cornell, \$8,000,000; Chicago, \$6,500,000; Yale, \$4,200,000. Each of these has an annual income of over \$1,000,000. The University of Texas is rich in land and gives promise one day to be the richest of all American Universities. It holds title to 2,000,000 acres.

FOOTBALL SUPPER.

The Faculty and Ladies Entertain the Varsity and Scrub.

On Saturday evening, December 16, 1899, the faculty and ladies of Auburn gave a supper in honor of the '99 "Varsity" and "Scrub." The affair was enjoyed by all and was a social triumph. The supper was laid in the college chapel and promptly at 6 o'clock the doors were thrown open to the guests who were given seats and waited upon by the many charming ladies. The supper was of the kind rarely obtained by Auburn boys and to speak in detail of the many delicious delicacies would take many columns. The team showed their appreciation of the good things by accurate tackling and no fumbles. The Scrub kept their eyes upon the "Varsity" and for once were not defeated. At the close of the supper numerous toasts were made and heartily responded to, the beverage which was of the finest order having been prepared by Mrs. P. H. Mell, who is noted for her fine coffee. Those who made toasts were Prof. Thach, on "Football from the Side-lines," Capt. Feagin on "The Varsity," Prof. Ross, Prof. Earle, Prof. Smith, and Capt. Finch of the "Scrub." Prof. Hare was toast master of the occasion. Among the members of the faculty present were: Dr. Broun, Dr. Carey, Dr. Mell, Dr. Smith, Prof. Ross, Prof. Hare, Prof. Faulkner, Col. Patrick and Prof. Ransom. At 9 o'clock this enjoyable repast given in honor of a team such as the South seldom sees came to a close amidst the hearty thanks of the guests.

Election of Officers for the Gymnasium Team.

Monday afternoon the election of officers for the gymnasium team was held in the "Gym. Hall."

It was quite a spirited affair and after the usual squabbling W. A. Dewees was elected captain, and E. H. Wills, assistant captain. As "Dewey" is such a fine athlete and takes so much interest in training he will no doubt make a fine captain.

There has been a lack of interest taken in gymnasium training in the last few years, and it is hoped that under the present able management, that we will once more have a team that we will be proud of.

It has been thought by many that we should have regular hours to have gymnasium practice, but for some reason the faculty has never given this time which is so much needed by all the students. The body as well as the mind should be trained, and to have a healthy mind one should have a healthy body. If we had an instructor and each boy be required to take certain exercise each day we

would most certainly have a much healthier set of boys and boys too who would not only have a strong body but a strong mind.

Let it be hoped that the faculty will take some definite step to provide us with such an instructor, and should we be so fortunate as to get one let it be our beloved football coach of last year, J. W. Heisman.

An Acknowledgement.

In the last issue of the Orange and Blue appeared the following huge joke on the captain of Company D:

Capt. A. to Company D: "Leg exercise, shoulder, head, down." Company D falls heels-over-head and are reported for disorder in ranks.

Capt. A.—"Come to attention. Foot exercise, circle, circle." Silence reigns supreme, captain now attempts to show how it is to be done and falls. He reports himself for inattention and marches the squad back before recall is sounded.

We beg leave to acknowledge that this piece of scintillating wit was culled from the Reveille, the paper published by the students of the Louisiana State University. For some reason, possibly through oversight, or possibly because a second-hand joke on the captain of Company D would be a poor one, we failed to acknowledge the source of this unprecedented piece of humor. The Reveille is deeply concerned over the matter and we make haste to give proper credit for the masterly "article"—the "Reveille" calls it an "article"—and make every apology necessary to obtain absolute forgiveness. Mistakes of this character should never occur, because they often involve in a deplorable way the wit, originality and literary talent of our best college magazines.

The following men have matriculated since Xmas making a total of 373 matriculates since June 13th, 1899:

Louis Henry Crumpler, Childersburg, Ala.
David James Castleman, Greensboro, Ala.
Roy Gustavus Rhodes, Sweetwater, Ala.
Sidney Cornell, Birmingham, Ala.
Richmond Young Buchanan, Lanette, Ala.
Clarence Eugene Feagin, Union Springs, Ala.
William Watson Davis, Oak Grove, Ala.
Andrew Lee Martin, Auburn, Ala.
Jesse Drew Beale, Jr., Montgomery, Ala.
William Julius James Chase, Atlanta, Ga.
Clayton Crenshaw, Ft. Deposit, Ala.
Parkam Bergunian Borden, Greensboro, Ala.
Marshall Howard Bize, Columbus, Ga.
Woodson James, West Green, Ala.
Richard Harris Little, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Warren Alfred Dewees, Chattanooga, Tenn.
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Quite a large number of sub-freshmen have applied for admission to the Freshman class.

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Cadet Nelson H. Romero, one of the Cubans, has resigned college, and will soon leave for Havana, where he will make his future home.

Mrs. V. M. Fleming of Fredericksburg, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. H. Mell.

Mrs. Hawkins of Elmo has moved her family to Auburn and occupies the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Mitchell.

A few more fruit cakes left at Jackson's at cost.

Mrs. Mary Ordway and little children who have been visiting Mrs. Ordway's father, Dr. W. L. Broun, left for her home in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Tuesday of last week.

Judge and Mrs. Chambers visited their son, Cadet Chambers, here Tuesday.

Peanut nouget, it's fine at Jackson's.

The town election last Saturday for mayor and town council resulted in the unanimous election of J. W. Harris for mayor, and Messrs. R. W. Burton, T. A. Flanagan, S. L. Toomer and T. K. Whitman as councilmen.

Mr. W. M. Dean of the class of '98 at the A. P. I., died at Fairburn, Ga., December 30. His funeral was held in Atlanta, Ga., December 31. He was a student at the A. P. I. for three years and took a good stand in his classes and among his fellow-students.

The only original Juan F. Portuando cigar for sale at Bragaw's.

383 students have matriculated at the A. P. I. this season. The enrollment is increasing from year to year. May it ever do so.

Is this the Nineteenth or Twentieth Century? The columns of the Orange and Blue are open to its readers for argument. Let some good argument be brought forth in favor of the Twentieth.

Jackson still carries a full line of fancy groceries, such as veal-loaf, boneless pig's feet, Hamburger steak, imported sardines, Vienna sausage, catsups, pickles, baked beans, lunch tongue, chipped beef, mustard, dressings, sauces, etc.

Baseball for this season will soon begin. Mr. W. L. Anderson has been appointed manager, and Mr. Mat Sloan captain. It is understood that we have lots of good material in college and it is to be hoped that Auburn will put out a winning team this year.

Prescriptions carefully compounded by Dr. R. H. Bragaw.

Shoemakers say there is nothing like leather. If they will try an ordinary Auburn beefsteak, they will find it an excellent substitute.

Laxative Bromo Quinine will cure a cold in one day. Sold at Bragaw's.

On account of the resignation of Cadet Captain E. H. Foy, Company A, the following promotions have been made in the corps of cadets: F. Ashcraft, formerly of Co. D., Captain Co. A.; G. F. Boyd from Co. B, to Captain Co. D.; W. E. Kelly from Co. C, to Captain Co. B.; J. L. Burke from 1st Lieut. and Adj., to Captain Co. C.; J. J. Flowers from 1st Lieut. Co. D., to 1st Lieut. and Adj.

Always on hand and fresh, snowflakes, and fine cakes at Jackson's.

Mr. H. M. Smith, who has been quite sick in Auburn since his return to college returned to his home in Opelika Saturday. We hope that he will soon be well enough to return to college.

Hot Chocolate and Vigor at Bragaw's fount.

Miss Louise Knox, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, returned to Shorter College Monday morning to resume her studies.

We are glad to know that Mr. Dewees is back with us. "Dewey," we expect great things from you in the band. Don't disappoint us.

All the popular brands of smoking tobacco at Bragaws.

Ed Huguley, our famous little quarterback, is with us no longer. We wish him great success in his occupation in Texas.

Harry Skeggs, who played such a fine game of ball in Montgomery on Thanksgiving day, is in Montgomery having his leg treated.

Try a cup of Jackson's delicious hot chocolate with whipped cream.

Miss Maude Burke returned to Anniston last week. She has been greatly missed at our dances this year, and we look forward to her return to Auburn with much pleasure.

The "Battalion" a monthly magazine published by the students of the A. & M. College of Bryan, Texas, is among our exchanges. It is well edited and a credit to the staff of editors.

Cheapest line of toilet soaps in town at Jackson's.

Prof. Fullan has obtained permission to have a "stag" dance in the Gymnasium every Saturday night. We are very grateful to Prof. Fullan and Dr. Brown for this. We think this will be very beneficial, both to the boys and the band; teaching all those who do not know how to dance, and it will tend to get the band over what is common to all amateurs, "stage fright."

Just before Christmas Mr. Cu—r went to sleep in section room. Prof. C. seeing him in this state when the class was dismissed walked out of the room and locked the door. Mr. Cu—r waked up about an hour later, found the door locked and no way to get out except over the transome. We hope that he did not hurt himself when he fell.

Green—"Say, Punk, what do you call a fellow when he has the leprosy?"

Punk—"A leopard, of course." We take the above from the "Reveille."

The Wirt and Websterian Literary Societies met in joint session at their last meeting before the holidays. The occasion was that of trying Mr. M. A. Beeson and Sergeant A. F. Jackson for the crime of stealing chickens from Dr. Broun and the lock off of the hen house door. The state was represented by Messrs. Sargent and Letcher and the defendants by Messrs. Rutland and Miller. The evidence was very confusing but the judges and jury found the defendants guilty and sentenced them to five years imprisonment.

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Prof. — (to history class)—Well, you may put away your books now; you have been boring for some time now, you had better go down and get to drilling.

A Newspaper's Error.

A provincial newspaper, in reporting the speech of a celebrated politician, intended to add as a comment, "And the masses believed him;" instead of which, by a typographical error, the addition read: "And them asses believed him." —Ex.

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Websterian Society.

Now, as we have come back and are ready and willing to enter upon our regular college studies, let us in the same proportion devote ourselves to the interest of our society work by regular attendance, voluntary participation in the exercises, and personal ardent work. Our first term's work has been beautifully illustrated in the Thanksgiving contest by our victory therein: therefore, may we the more earnestly strive to exhibit again most excellent representation.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother, William Menefee Dean, we, the members of Upsilon chapter of P. K. A. Fraternity, desire to express our profound sorrow at the death of this loving friend and brother. In his death the Fraternity has suffered the loss of one of her most efficient members, and a brother who was wedded to her interest by ties of the

closest love and friendship; therefore be it,

Resolved, That we, who knew him best in Pi Kappa Alpha, while bowing in humble submission to the will of the Allwise Father, feel that we have lost the wise counsel and sympathy of an affectionate brother, that the Fraternity and community at large has suffered an irreparable loss.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved family. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our chapter, and a copy be sent to the grief-stricken family, and that copies be sent for publication to the Orange and Blue.

JAS. W. WOODRUFF,

S. GUY FORBES,

JOHN W. SHUTE,

Committee.

BOER-BRITISH WAR.

A Brilliant Lecture by Prof. Thach, Delivered in College Chapel Last Friday Night.

The subject of the lecture was South Africa and the Boer-British War. It was supplemented with about forty very handsome stereopticon views illustrating the topography, cities and the inhabitants of the country, white and native, and their manners and customs.

While admiring the splendid character and superb achievements of the English people, their well-nigh incalculable service to the art, learning and civilization of the world and their general promotion of righteousness, justice and progress, still the speaker thought the present war to be one of greed and of grave injustice,—a war of ambition and aggression,—an attack upon the fundamental principles of liberty and self-government. It had been the result of bungling diplomacy. It was the policy of an aristocratic, retrogressive government—filled with the spirit of Lord North and George III, rather than with the spirit of Chatham and of Burke.

(1.) The disparity in size and resources of the two combatants was sketched, and a detailed review was made of the history of the heroic Dutch colonists in South Africa during the last hundred years, and of their effort to escape from the domination of the English.

(2.) The abrogation of the Dutch language as the official language, the abolishment of the system of local Dutch government, the spurious philanthropy of the English towards the natives, the emancipation of the slaves of the Dutch, and finally the wholesale fraud in distributing the funds appropriated for the loss of the slaves, he said, led to the Great Trek of 1836. This great emigration was full of heroic deeds. It elicited our sincerest admiration. It was similar to the westward march and early pioneer life of danger and warfare of our own American forefathers.

(3.) The fact that England, originally, did not claim jurisdiction over the Transvaal was emphasized, and the fact that the Transvaal was an absolutely independent state, was established by the Sand River Treaty of 1852.

(4.) The annexation in 1877 of the Transvaal by Shepstone was shown to be only a piece of artful and rascally diplomacy. The battles of Laing's Nek and Majuba Hill, were described and extracts were read from the Pretoria Convention of 1881 and the London Convention of 1884. Mr. Chamberlain's claim for England's suzerainty was shown to be entirely baseless. Extracts from these conventions were read.

(5.) The Jameson raid of 1896 was an unpardonable conspiracy schemed by Cecil Rhodes and the Outlanders against the Transvaal government. It was the beginning of the end. The trial of Rhodes in England was a farce.

(6.) The armament of the Boers has been not for aggression but merely for self-defense,—to meet the inevitable.

(7.) The outcry for the right of franchise for the Outlanders was merely a pretext, a stalking horse. The real cause of the war was the fabulous gold deposit on the Rand. The capitalists really fear the franchise in the hands of the mining population. Mr. Kruger was presented as a strong character whose paramount passions are patriotism and religion. Striking incidents in his life were given. The Boers, while not bookish, are most intelligent. They are hospitable, chivalrous, deeply religious, brave as lions, shoot straight, ride tight, and never surrender. Their women are chaste, industrious and as brave as the men.

The speaker thought that defeat for the English would be a wholesome check to the rampant, jingo blood-thirstiness now abroad among the nations.

Many facts were given as to the government, the relations of whites to blacks, products, climate, geography, health, resources, etc., of the country. The stereopticon views greatly aided one in realizing the characteristics of the land and people.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,
Dec. 11, 1899.

Dear Auburn Boys:

At last we are to part. Is it not hard to believe? There are tears in my eyes, and tears in my voice; tears even in the trembling of my hand as I write you. Your Advisory Board will tell you about it—I cannot; but you will not feel hard toward me, you will forgive me, you will not forget me? Let me ask to retain your friendship: Heaven knows I never felt more in need of it than I do at this moment.

Can a man be associated for five successive seasons with "Grand old Auburn," toiling for her, befriended by her, striving with her, and yet not love her? No. Where on earth's surface have I found better friends, manlier sportsmen, truer gentlemen than among the sons of of the deservedly popular A. P. I. The many fresh evidences I have lately received of your unwavering respect and esteem for me have touched me to my heart's center. It is true, that "prosperity brings friends and adversity tries them." Our friendship has more than once been thoroughly tried and never yet found wanting.

You believe in me—you trust me? Let me ask for a continuance of that faith. It shall be my life's endeavor to prove myself worthy of it.

I hope this is not the end; I hope that we shall meet again. In my mind's eye and heart's memory, at least, the recollection of these years of mutual endeavor, of mutual joy over all that was good for Auburn, of intermingled sorrow over all that was bad for Auburn, shall never fade. To you, to your faculty, to your friends, who have all been so kind, so just, so unflinchingly true to me that I doubt I deserve it, I say "Farewell!" and yet I say also, "Aufs Wiedersehen!"

May God bless you, everyone!

Devotedly yours,
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BLOUNTSVILLE, ALA.,
Dec. 5, 1899.

Captain Football Team,
Auburn, Ala.

Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the football team of the Ninth District Agricultural School, on yesterday afternoon, it was unanimously voted that we offer you and your team our congratulations for your good playing against Sewanee at Montgomery. We feel proud of Auburn and feel proud to call her our mother. We thoroughly believe up here that you out played Sewanee at every point. We have two men on our team that we will try to send you next year. They are six feet, have no surplus flesh, and weigh 195 pounds. They are young giants. Hurrah for Auburn!

Yours truly,

DOUGLASS STEWART,
Manager Football Team, Ninth District Agricultural School.

Komikul Kollum.

He was a Sophomore who had just returned home to spend the holidays. About his person he bore unmistakable signs of loppiness, which his "governor" proceeded to condemn in no uncertain tones. "My son," said he, as the newly arrived came into his office to receive the paternal greeting, "you look like an idiot."

Before the young man could reply there was a loud knock at the door and an intimate friend of the family was ushered in.

"Why, Billy," exclaimed the latter, "how glad I am to see you! How you have grown! You look just like your father."

"Yes," replied Billy, "he has just been telling me so."

Among the crowd of cadets who were down in Montgomery on Thanksgiving were two Freshmen from the mountains of North Alabama. For a while they stuck close to the Exchange hotel and would not venture off alone, but finally they grew bolder and decided to take a stroll by themselves. The hour of noon found them in front of Fleming's restaurant, and they went in for dinner. After considerable discussion they agreed to order oysters, a delicacy hardly known in their mountain home. After waiting for an hour and a half their order was finally filled and they proceeded to enjoy the luscious bivalves. Presently one of them crunched down on a small pearl and, thinking it to be a shot, turned to his companion and exclaimed, "Well, I never knew before this that they ever shot oysters. I thought they always caught them with a hook and line."

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